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AREAS OF RESEARCH

Philosophy of AI; Natural Language Processing; Philosophy of Social Science

SPECIALISATION

Lexical Semantics; Social Ontology; Decision Theory

WORK EXPERIENCE

2019–Ongoing Research Associate. University of Cambridge. Department of Computer Science and Technology. ALTA Institute.

EDUCATION

2023–Ongoing PhD in Computer Science. University of Cambridge (Darwin College).
2018–2019 MPhil in Advanced Computer Science. Awarded with Distinction. University of Cambridge (Darwin College).
2015–2018 PhD in Philosophy. University of Sheffield.
2014–2015 MA in Philosophy. University of Sheffield.
2012–14 BA in Philosophy and Sociology. Grade: 1.3. University of Göttingen.
2011–14 BA in Sociology. Grade: 1.3. University of Göttingen.

RESEARCH VISITS

2018 Research visit at the London School of Economics. Host: Christian List. Duration: 1 trimester.
2017 Research visit at Tufts University. Host: Brian Epstein. Duration: 1 semester.
2016 Research visit at the University of Münster. Host: Michael Quante.
2016 Internship at the Hamburg Institute for Social Research (HIS). Duration: 1 month.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

2024 “Preference Change”. With: Michael Messerli. Elements in Decision Theory and Philosophy. Cambridge University Press.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- 2025 "DLU: Dictionary Look-Up Data and Prediction". First author. With Gladys Tyen, Hongyi Gu, Diane Nicholls, Zheng Yuan, and Paula Buttery. In: *CoNLL*
- 2025 "Contrafactuals, Learnability, and Production". First author. With Simon Wimmer. In: *ELM3*
- 2024 "Semantic Error Prediction: Estimating Word Production Complexity". First author. With Paula Buttery. In: *NLP4CALL 2024*
- 2023 "Contrafactuals and Learnability: An Experiment with Propositional Constant". With Simon Wimmer. In: *Logic and Engineering of Natural Language Semantics*
- 2022 "Contrafactuals and Learnability". With Simon Wimmer. In: *Amsterdam Colloquium*
- 2022 "A Category Theory Framework for Sense Systems". With Gladys Tyen. Equal Contribution. In: *Globalex Workshop on Linked Lexicography within the 13th Language Resources and Evaluation Conference*
- 2021 "Organisations as Computing Systems". In: *Journal of Social Ontology*.
- 2021 "Ontology, Neural Networks, and the Social Sciences". In: *Synthese*.
- 2021 "Cambridge at SemEval-2021 Task 1: An Ensemble of Feature-Based and Neural Models for Lexical Complexity Prediction". Third author. With Zheng Yuan and Gladys Tyen. In: *Proceedings of the 15th International Workshop on Semantic Evaluation (SemEval-2021)* (inclusive peer-review)
- 2021 "Cambridge at SemEval-2021 Task 2: Neural WiC-Model with Data Augmentation and Exploration of Representation". Second author. With Zheng Yuan. In: *Proceedings of the 15th International Workshop on Semantic Evaluation (SemEval-2021)* (inclusive peer review, model achieved best results on subset of tracks)
- 2020 "Social-Computation-Supporting Kinds". In: *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*.
- 2020 "SeCoDa: Sense Complexity Dataset". First author. With: Sian Gooding, Shiva Taslimipoor, and Ekaterina Kochmar. In: *12th International Conference on Language Resources and Evaluation (LREC 2020)*. (peer-review non-blind.)
- 2020 "Two Theories of Group Agency". In: *Philosophical Studies*.
- 2018 "Group Membership and Parthood". In: *Journal of Social Ontology*.

Book Chapters

- 2015 "Die Entstehung des Staates aus der Geschichte der Gewalt". In: *Den Staat Zerschlagen! Anarchistische Staatsverständnisse*. Editor: Peter Seyferth. Nomos Verlag. 65-84.

Online Essays

- 2017 "Gruppen als Akteure". [Groups as Agents]. Soziopolis.de.

Book Reviews

- 2021 Review of Richard Pettigrew's *Choosing for Changing Selves*. In: *The Philosophical Quarterly*.
- 2019 Review of Richard Bradley's *Decision Theory with a Human Face*. In: *Philosophical Psychology*.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Draft "Transformers Learning Contrafactuals". With Simon Wimmer.
- Draft "The Symbol Grounding Problem for Computer Science".
- Preparation "The Definition of *Word*".
- Preparation "Automatic Calibration of Discrimination for MCQ Items".
- Preparation "A Corpus-Driven Comparison of Comprehension and Production Word Difficulty".

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2024–25 Supervision of MPhil thesis in Advanced Computer Science. University of Cambridge.
- 2023 & 25 Teaching assistant for "Introduction to Natural Language Syntax and Parsing", including covering of lectures. University of Cambridge.
- 2021–22 & 24 Supervision for Prolog course. Robinson College. University of Cambridge.
- 2017–18 Third-year BA/MA-Course: *I, You, We*. Designed and taught with James Lewis. Opportunity competitively awarded. University of Sheffield.
- 2016–17 Tutor for *Paradox and Plurality. Zeno to Aristotle*. University of Sheffield.

VISITED SUMMER SCHOOLS

- 2023 Groningen Spring School in Cognitive Modeling. Duration: 1 week.
- 2019 31st European Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information. Latvian University. Duration: 2 weeks.

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND AWARDS

- 2024 Darwin Travel fund (£200) for attending a conference as a presenter.
- 2015–17 Multiple WRoCAH awards for travel (total: £5259.48).
- 2015–18 Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) Competition Studentship for three years. Competitively awarded via White Rose College of the Arts and Humanities (WRoCAH).
- 2018 Postgraduate Researcher Experience Programme (£500) for a research visit at the LSE.
- 2015 Award for best BA dissertation in the social sciences at the University of Göttingen (€250).
- 2013 Niedersachsenstipendium (€500, competitively awarded)
- 2011 Deutschlandstipendium (€3600, competitively awarded)

INVITED TALKS

- 2025 Workshop: "Foreign language learning and proficiency-rated reading materials. University of Tübingen. Title: *The Read&Improve Dictionary Look-up Data*.
- 2025 Workshop: "Artificial Intelligence and Non-Human Entities: In Search of Synergies from Various Philosophical Debates". University of Heidelberg. Title: *Neuronale AI und organisierte Gruppenakteure*.
- 2025 Workshop: "How we do (not) talk about mistaken beliefs". University of Düsseldorf. Title: *Experimenting with contrafactuals: adjusting for empirically attested distributions*
- 2024 Masterclass on Transformer AI model. University of Barcelona.
- 2022 Work in Progress Group. University of Dortmund. Title: *Commitment-based Preference Change*.
- 2021 Cognitive science talk. University of Sheffield. Title: *DL4ELSA: Deep Learning for Exploring Lexical Semantic Acquisition*.
- 2021 Philosophy & AI Workshop. Online. University of Leeds. Title: *Ontology, Neural Networks, and the Social Sciences*.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS (PEER-REVIEWED WITHOUT PROCEEDINGS)

- 2020 Social Ontology 2020. Online. Title: *Social-Computation-Supporting Kinds*.
- 2019 Socreal 2019. Sapporo. Title: *There Are No Empty Groups*.
- 2019 Social Ontology 2019. Tampere. Title: *Computational Social Ontology*.
- 2018 European Network for Philosophy of the Social Sciences (ENPOSS) Conference 2018. Hannover. Title: *Deep Cooperation*.
- 2018 Social Ontology 2018. Boston. Title: *Group Agency and Homuncularism*.
- 2018 Foundations of Utility and Risk (FUR) Conference 2018. York. Title: *Deep Cooperation*.
- 2017 European Network for Philosophy of the Social Sciences (ENPOSS) Conference 2017. Krakow. Title: *Nested Groups. Membership and Parthood*.
- 2017 European Network on Social Ontology (ENSO) V. Lund. Title: *Nested Groups. Membership and Parthood*.
- 2017 Cognition in Groups. Milan. Title: *Group Agency and Homuncularism*.
- 2016 Collective Intentionality X. The Hague. Title: *A New Condition for Group Agency*.
- 2016 3rd International Conference Economic Philosophy. Aix-en-Provence. Title: *Corporations as Group Agents*.
- 2015 Graduate Workshop on Kant and German Idealism. University of Warwick. Title: *On the Relation between Kantian Theoretical Philosophy and the Phenomenology of Spirit*.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2022–Ongoing	Chair of the Language Technology group meetings. ALTA institute.
2017–18	Treasurer of the White Rose Philosophy Postgraduate Forum.
2016–17	Organiser of the Social Norms and Obligation Workshop. University of Sheffield. Funded by WRoCAH and the Mind Association.

REVIEWING

2024–25	Reviewer for the <i>Building Educational Applications</i> workshop.
2023	Reviewer for the <i>EMNLP Industry Track</i> .
2023	Reviewer for the <i>ACL Conference</i> .
2021	Reviewer for the <i>Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research</i> .
2019	Reviewer for the <i>Journal of Social Ontology</i> .

ONLINE PRESENCE

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LANGUAGES

German (first language)
English (fluent)
French (basic)

REFERENCES

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